

September 19, 2006

To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re: Resolution in support of Outreach Centers by Special Exception in D-4 District (Downtown)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I. Recommended Action: Adopt resolution.

II. Overview

The City has identified the need for the operation of an outreach facility in the Downtown D-4 District for public necessity and convenience.

III. Analysis

A. General

This resolution would start the process to change the City's zoning to permit the operation of outreach centers in the Downtown D-4 District by special exception. To internally initiate zoning changes, it is usually done on a motion of the Planning Commission; however, City Code Section 15.2.2286 (A) (7) also provides for the initiation of the process by Council resolution.

The City has been in discussion with the Union Mission regarding the use of the former Fire Station #3. This former Fire Station is in Downtown District D-4 and therefore, the Administration is recommending the zoning change.

- B. <u>Fiscal</u> N/A
- C. <u>Environmental</u> N/A

D. <u>Community Outreach/Notification</u>

Public notification for this agenda item was done through the City of Norfolk's regular agenda notification process.

IV. Conclusion

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted

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This letter has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW OUTREACH CENTERS IN THE D-4 (DOWNTOWN CULTURAL CENTER) DISTRICT BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION.

WHEREAS, the consideration of certain amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norfolk, 1992 (as amended) in order to allow outreach centers in the D-4 (Downtown Cultural Center) district by special exception is required by public necessity and convenience, promotes the general welfare of the citizens of Norfolk, and advances good zoning practices; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the City Planning Commission shall take up consideration of such amendments and render a recommendation.

Section 2:- That this resolution shall be in effect from the date of its adoption.